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SUBJECT: SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS DISSIDENTS PREPARING A "DECLARATION OF
A DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION"

1. ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY TOLD US JANUARY 24 THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DISSIDENT GROUP (MOSTLY MEMBERS OF THE MOSCOW CHAPTER OF ANMESTY INTERNATIONAL) ARE DRAFTING A "DECLARATION OF A DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION." ACCORDING TO SHCHARANSKIY, THE DRAFTING IS A LONG WAY FROM FINISHED, AS THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE CONTENTS. THERE IS ALSO NO AGREEMENT ON THE DESIRABILITY OF THE WHOLE IDEA, AND SHCHARANSKIY IMPLIED THAT HE WAS HIMSELF OPPOSED TO THE IDEA ITSELF AS WELL AS TO THE TIMING. IF IT IS DECIDED TO ISSUE A DECLARATION, A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR WESTERN JOURNALISTS WILL BE CALLED, PROBABLY IN ABOUT A WEEK.

2. SHCHARANSKIY SAID THAT THE IMPULSE TO ISSUE THE DOCUMENT COMES FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF CZECH DISSIDENTS AND THE PUBLICATION OF THE CHARTER 77. ACCORDING TO SHCHARANSKIY, THE HUMAN RIGHTS DISSIDENTS HERE FEEL THAT THEY COULD NOT LET THEIR EASTERN EUROPEAN BROTHERS ACT ALONE, WITHOUT SOME SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIET MOVEMENT.

3. SHCHARANSKIY COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS FACING THE
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SUPPORTERS OF THE DECLARATION COMES FROM THE FACT THAT SAKHAROV HAD DECIDED NOT TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE. REPORTEDLY SAKHAROV OBJECTS NEITHER TO THE DECLARATION IDEA NOR TO ITS CONTENTS, BUT HAS DECIDED TO ACT ALONE FOR THE TIME BEING. THE DRAFTERS OF THE DECLARATION FEEL THAT WITHOUT HIS SUPPORT, THE PROJECT WILL HAVE A MUCH SMALLER IMPACT BOTH IN THE WEST AND IN EASTERN EUROPE.

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